GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION
LOK SABHA

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CAPACITY UTILIZATION OF MACHINES
ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY;RAM PRASAD SINGH

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 5 Nos. Ashoka brand Web Offset machines worth Rs.61.14 lakhs had been installed in Nasikand Aligarh Presses during the period between 1/1990 to 2/1993;

(b) whether the capacity utilization of the said machines is negligible as per the assessment of CAG; and

(c) if not, the correct figures of capacity utilization which the concerned Government Presses have furnished to the CAGInvestigating team?

Answer

MINISTEROF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRSND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY C URBAN DEVELOPMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a): Yes, Sir, five Ashoka Brand Web offset machines were installed in the Govt. of India Presses at Nasik and Aligarh.

(b)&(c): A Special Investigation Team of Audit had assessed capacity utilization of these machines as 17.66%. However, the Audit had assessed this `Capacity Utilization` on the basis of `Rated Capacity`. The Audit had multiplied maximum speed of the machine with total annual working hours. It has been clarified to the audit that `Capacity Utilization` is worked out with reference to `Annual Assessed Capacity` of the machine and not with respect to the `Rated Capacity` since the maximum speed can only be achieved in ideal conditions which do not exist in practice. The speed at which a particular machine can be run depends on the nature of job and various other factors besides erosion i n the operational efficiency of the machine with passage of time. The `Annual Assessed Capacity` of the machines is assessed at regular intervals and it keeps on changing with passage of time. No further comments have so far been received from the audit. The average capacity utilization of these five machines during the year 2001-2002 has been 58.43%.